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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of: )  
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For: SILICA FILLED MULTI- )  
VISCOELASTIC RESPONSE RUBBER )  
Serial No.: 10/084,890 )  
Filed: February 27, 2002 )

Docket No. DN2001057X01  
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Examiner: Lee, Rip A.

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RENEWED PETITION FOR UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED DOMESTIC CLAIM  
TO BENEFIT OF EARLIER FILING DATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.78(A)(3)**

Dear Sir:

1. Applicants hereby petition that the present application be granted a claim to benefit of the filing date of co-pending Serial No. 09/264,937 filed March 9, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,469,104 issued October 22, 2002.

2. This renewed petition replaces the petition mailed April 30, 2004, and dismissed in the Decision mailed August 24, 2004, for failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(2)(i). A substitute amendment is included herein to comply with 37 CFR 1.78 (a)(2)(i), and to claim priority to provisional application 60/276,588.

3. Please amend the specification at page 1 line 6 by inserting the following paragraph:

This Application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending Serial No. 09/264,937, filed March 9, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,469,104, which claims the benefit of Serial Nos. 60/113,663, filed March 11, 1998; 60/079,789 filed March 28, 1998; 60/104,755 filed October 19, 1998; 60/109,530 filed November 23, 1998; 60/117,305 filed January 26, 1999; and 60/120,024 filed February 13, 1999. This Application further claims the benefit of Serial No. 60/276,588 filed March 16, 2001.

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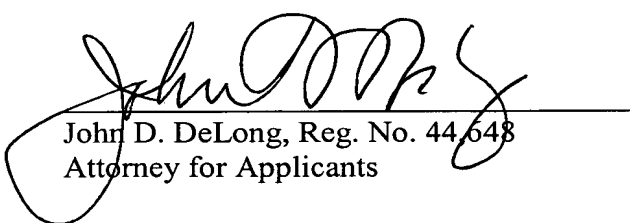
4. A co-inventor of the present application, Howard Allen Colvin, is the same Howard Allen Colvin who is a co-inventor of Serial No. 09/264,937, now U.S. 6,469,104.

5. Applicants state that the entire delay between the date required for claim to benefit of the filing date of Serial No. 09/264,937, now U.S. 6,469,104 under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.78(a)(2) until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.78(a)(3) was unintentional.

6. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee of \$1,330.00 under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(t) and any additional fees that may be required to our Deposit Account No. 07-1725.

Respectfully submitted,

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